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SUBJECT: HARDENING TURKISH ATTITUDE TOWARD GREEK PARTICIPATION IN
EC AND NATO: COUNTER-PRESSURE?

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 14507 (NOTAL), (B) USNATO 10207,
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1. REFTELS DESCRIBE A HARDENING TURKISH ATTITUDE TOWARD
GREECE'S ADMISSION TO FULL EC MEMBERSHIP AND REINTEGRATION
INTO NATO'S MILITARY WING. WHILE STATEMENT REPORTED IN
REF A CONTAINS TYPICAL INAN HYPERBOLE (THREAT TO WITHDRAW
FROM NATO IF GREECE IS ADMITTED TO EC DOES NOT REPRESENT AGREED
GOT POLICY, SO FAR AS WE KNOW) OVERALL INAN REFLECTED
ACCURATELY TURKISH BITTERNESS OVER GREEK EFFORTS TO USE
THE WEST AGAINST TURKEY, AS WELL AS THE APPARENTLY GENERAL
FEELING WITHIN THE GOT THAT FURTHER SUCH EFFORTS SHOULD BE
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FIRMLY OPPOSED.

2. KIRCA'S STATEMENT (REF B) THAT NO GOT COULD ALLOW
GREEK REINTEGRATION INTO NATO'S MILITARY STRUCTURE BEFORE
CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT
(DCA), HOWEVER, CLEARLY REPRESENTS AN APPROVED GOT POSITION
WHICH FURTHERMORE IS GETTING INCREASING PRESS ATTENTION AND

SUPPORT (REF C).

3. THIS HARDENING OF THE TURKISH POSITION PERHAPS COULD
REPRESENT THE BEGINNING OF A MOVEMENT TOWARD DIRECTLY BALANCING
AND COUNTERING GREEK PRESSURE AGAINST CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL
OF THE US-TURKISH DCA. IN ANY EVENT, THE POSITION TAKEN BY
KIRCA ON THE NATO PARTICIPATION ISSUE ALONE SUGGESTS THAT
ALLIANCE COOPERATION IN THE SOUTHERN FLANK COULD BECOME
TIED UP IN MORE AND MORE KNOTS THAT ONLY CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL
OF THE DCA CAN CUT THROUGH.

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